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Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

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*“Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!”
(from the Sequence for Pentecost)*

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“Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters...”

St. Ann

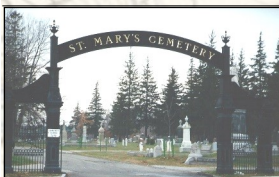
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/22)

4:00pm **Live-Stream Jo Minalio** (Fr. Stanley)
 4:00pm **IC Thomas Mahon, Mabel & Harry Kalashian, Fr. Dick Messina, Fr. Augustine Ciusso** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (5/23)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)
 9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
 11:30am **IC Jan Bilinski, Séan Keane** (Fr. Morin)

Monday (5/24)

9:00am **IC For the intentions of Mrs. Lubica Benca** (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (5/25)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (5/26)

9:00am **IC Stanley Jancewicz** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (5/27)

9:00am **IC Sean Perkins & Elizabeth Perkins** (Fr. Morin)

Friday (5/28)

9:00am **IC For the Deceased Members of the LoPreste & Gravallesse Families** (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (5/29)

4:00pm **Live-Stream Barbara Welch Hodges** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
 4:00pm **IC James B. Lefebvre** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (5/30)

8:00am **Nativity Daniel Brodie** (Fr. Morin)
 9:00am **IC Alice Mason, Russell J. Burton** (Fr. Harrison)
 9:30am **St. Ann Tom & Peg Pendergast** (Fr. Stanley)
 11:30am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon John)

In your prayers, please remember Dean A. Gouveia, Emma E. Andrews, and all the faithful departed.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Saturday Live-Stream Vigil Masses are broadcast online through [Facebook](#).

 Find us on Facebook: [Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)

IC Summer Mass Schedule

Beginning in June, the 11:30 a.m. **Sunday Mass at IC will move to 11:00 a.m. during the summer months** (Memorial Day–Labor Day).

Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we mark once again, the great Feast of Pentecost in the Church, bringing to a conclusion our Easter season. It is an encouraging hallmark of Catholicism that although we are challenged to embrace 40 days of penance and sacrifice during Lent, we follow it up with 50 days of joyful celebration and festivity after Easter as we unpack the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. This revelry crescendos with the Pentecost event, as we rejoice in the Lord's sending of the Holy Spirit among all believers, uniting us in heart and spirit to proclaim one faith with one voice as One Body in Christ.



The images of Pentecost are many: a great rushing wind, tongues of fire, a universality of languages, an empowerment for mission, many fruits or effects: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The presence of the Holy Spirit is known to prompt or direct us disciples into speaking, acting and following previously unknown paths to the greater Glory of God. The Spirit unifies, confirms, consoles, strengthens, and emboldens. It is gentle, yet passionate; respectful while always exciting and innovative. The Spirit of God gives purpose and direction.

It is no wonder, then, that we locate this moment as the beginning of the Church—an event that set into motion all that would follow. As the Angel Gabriel once said to Mary, “With God all things are possible,” these words are made real through the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Speaking to us alone and sometimes “clear out of the blue,” or confirmed in a chorus of trusted voices calling us to holiness and faith, the Spirit will lead us through life and guide us to the good things that God has in store for us if only we are docile to Its nudges and delicate course-corrections. At times, these can be as subtle as a wet towel slapped across our face or as intangible and slight as the tiniest of inner stirrings. God uses the Spirit to get our

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Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 31



Mass will be offered on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 31**, at St. Mary's Cemetery, 36 Storey Avenue (Rte. 113), Newburyport. The Mass will begin at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting.

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather and pray for all those who have given their lives in service to our country as well as remember all who have been interred here at our local Catholic Cemetery. Please bring a chair, sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat if you need them.

The regular 9:00 a.m. Mass at IC is transferred to the cemetery on Memorial Day. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be moved back to IC Church. Please check our website for any updates: hriccatholic.org.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Second Collection May 23

Seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

Word On Fire Engage

Everyone in our Collaborative now has free access to the entire Word on Fire digital video library.

You can watch any of Bishop Barron's films or study programs whenever you want, on any device!

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To access the resources of Word on Fire's ENGAGE, please register at flocknote.com/hriccollaborative or by texting **HRIC** to **84576**. Once you register, you will have access to ENGAGE.

We are excited to bring ENGAGE to you. Along with **FORMED** (formed.org), we now have a treasure chest of online faith formation resources available free to all in the HRIC community. We encourage you to take full advantage of these resources.



EWTN: Catholic News

Your Online Catholic Resource. <http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

Registering for Mass

During the pandemic, we have been asking parishioners who would like to attend Mass in-person to register ahead of time through our website. The reasons for this have been to limit the number of people attending any one Mass so as to respect the need for proper distancing as well as to provide an easy means of contact tracing in the rare event that there may have been an exposure to COVID at any of our liturgies. To register for any of our weekend Masses (or holy days) celebrated within our Collaborative, please go to the "Attend a Mass" section on our website: www.hriccatholic.org to link to the signup page. If you were not able to register ahead of time for Mass and still wish to leave your name for contact tracing purposes, please see one of our greeters near the entrance door on your way in or out. They would be happy to add your name to our list. These lists are kept in our office only for the purpose of contact tracing and are destroyed after two weeks.

Please call our office during regular business hours M-F at (978) 462-2724 or (978) 346-8604 if you have any questions or need assistance registering. We would be happy to assist you.

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attention, however that may need to happen. God lays a pathway for us to follow in the Holy Spirit, guiding us through every moment of every day. God makes a promise to us in the Spirit that we will never be abandoned or left alone to face the world. We have, as one Gospel tells us, a great Advocate who will always plead our cause.

This weekend, let us ponder this great gift given and sent to us by Christ and God the Father. And let us make our hearts obedient and confident in His ways.

Happy Pentecost,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Watch Mass on Facebook

To watch our Saturday live-stream Masses:

1. Go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/>) at the appointed time. If you don't have a Facebook page, you can still watch the live stream from your computer, smartphone, or tablet using the above link.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

Collaborative Pastoral Council

Invitation to Participate in the Collaborative Pastoral Council Meetings

In 2019 a Pastoral Council was formed in our Collaborative to assist the Pastor in his responsibilities as the leader of the Collaborative. They serve in a consultative role and there are members from both of our parishes. They have been meeting virtually on Zoom since mid-March 2020 and are now meeting once a month, mostly on Saturday, at 10:00 a.m. We would like to invite any of our Collaborative members to join our meetings on Zoom, giving you a chance to listen to our discussions and to comment or ask questions at certain points in the meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, June 19 at 10:00 a.m.** If you are interested in joining the meeting on Zoom, send an email to Jim Williamson at jimwilliamson35@gmail.com and he will send you the Zoom link before the meeting. If you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council or issues for our agenda please reach out to Jim or contact any Council member.

Members of the Pastoral Council

Father Tim Harrison, Chair
Jim Williamson, Vice Chair
Mary Bragg, Secretary

Amy Friend
Aaron Giard
Paula Higgins
Deacon John Moranski
Lucia Parker
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Lazarus House Ministries Hike for Hope

2021 LIVE virtual 5K walk/run

May 22–23



OPENING DOORS OUT OF POVERTY

Lazarus House Ministries is excited to invite you to participate in the 22nd annual “Hike for Hope” taking place on Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23. Again this year, we will be

hosting a virtual event featuring a three-part challenge which offers a variety of ways to participate:

1. Live, virtual 5K walk/run
2. Fundraising for food needs
3. Food drive

You will find Hike for Hope 2021 Challenge details for each of the above at www.hikeforhope.org. But please know, you can become involved in any and many ways! Proceeds from the weekend benefit Lazarus House Ministries food pantry and soup kitchen. Visit lazarushouse.org to learn more about how we help those in need.

Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found online at bible.usccb.org, the site of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. There you will find the daily readings, be able to listen to them on podcast, and have the opportunity to watch a short reflection piece on the readings offered by a Catholic priest, deacon, religious, or lay person.

Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ. Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.HRICcatholic.org; click on HRIC Pastoral Plan; and then click on Lectio Divina.



(The free App “Laudate” allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)

The Pelican Intervention Fund



The Pelican Intervention Fund is dedicated to supporting men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery. The Pelican Intervention Fund offers hope for sustained recovery for adults who live in the communities of Amesbury, Byfield, Georgetown, Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac,

Newbury, West Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, and Salisbury. If you have any questions contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What gift of the Holy Spirit do you most desire or need at this time in your life?

Child: Jesus gave His disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit to help them spread His message of peace and forgiveness. Remember to pray to the Holy Spirit to help you to be a peacemaker and to forgive others.

Virtual Rosary



Join us for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook twice every week. Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook. www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

Women at the Well Bible Study

We Are Meeting Virtually

Please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com to join us.

Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine? Looking for a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social or parenting life? Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet and connect with Jesus.

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women just like you

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DURING THE PANDEMIC
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MONDAY NIGHTS
6:30PM-8PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Year of St. Joseph



During the pandemic, Pope Francis has been reflecting on St. Joseph who quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus—just like so many of us have made unseen sacrifices during the pandemic to protect others.

“Each of us can discover in Joseph—the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence—an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble,” the Pope wrote. He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph’s role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, “Our world today needs fathers.” (CNA, 12-10-20)

To learn more about the Year of St. Joseph and resources available to you, visit bostoncatholic.org/yearofstjoseph. There you can find many resources and links.

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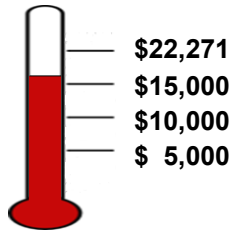
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Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the “Links” tab, then on “HR Parish Online Giving” to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant at 978-462-2724 x7404.

HR Activities Committee

The Activities Committee will meet on Thursday, June 3 at 7 p.m. in the Merrimac Hall. We hope to be planning “fall stuff”!

Everyone, please come *join* us, *meet* us, see us, it has been oh! so long for us all....



HR St. Vincent de Paul

The HR Conference has continued to help those in need. Most requests are for help with rent and utilities; we have also distributed Market Basket gift cards.

Thank you for your generous contributions and willingness to meet the ever-changing needs of those in Merrimac and West Newbury.

Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860 or place in the poor boxes at the back of each church. The boxes are emptied on a regular basis.

HR Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs

Program information for those students entering Grades K–8 can be found on our parish website. Registration forms are also available. As always, please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405) or email agiard@newburyportcatholic.org should you have any questions.

Volunteers Needed! Summer Faith Formation

We are happy to announce that we are planning to offer a week of Faith Formation (IC campus) for students in Grades 3–8 the week of August 9–13.

In order for this to take place, however, we need volunteers to serve as catechists or as classroom assistants. Please help us to make this program a reality for the children in our Collaborative. The Office of Faith Formation can be reached at 978-462-2724 x7405 or by contacting Aaron at agiard@newburyportcatholic.org.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Dates have been set for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. **We are pleased to now be able to accept registration requests for First Eucharist.** As always, please reach out to the Faith Formation Office with any questions you might have.

First Eucharist:

IC: Monday, May 28, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 12, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 19, 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 26, 11:00 a.m.
Nativity: Saturday, June 5, 11:00 a.m.

Families whose child was prepared for First Eucharist last spring but has yet to receive the sacrament are also welcome. Please reach out to the Faith Formation Office to let us know you wish to take part.

Baptism

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the celebration of the sacrament.

Confirmation

Confirmation prep classes for both Grades 9 and 10 are ongoing. Information regarding the sacrament can be found on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Should you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation office.

HR Prayer Shawl



We would like to drop off prayer shawls or lap blankets to anyone you know who needs comfort in our Holy Redeemer Parish family—there is no cost, it is free.

If you know of anyone, please give their name to Helen hvktax@aol.com or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

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Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary’s Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

IC Haiti News

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

This year’s second quarterly collection for IC Haiti will be taken up on the weekend of **May 29–30** (please note new dates). Once again, we appeal to your sincere care for, and steadfast generosity toward, the children and school community of Puit Chacha, Haiti whom we have supported since 2009.

Despite a slight reduction in our quarterly collection totals, the IC Haiti Board of Directors is considering funding two improvement projects that have been requested by our Haitian school community. First is a modest expansion of the school kitchen to provide more prep area for the cooking staff and dining space for the children and, second, is a well. The current well doesn’t have enough water to meet all the needs of the school due to a prolonged dry season. An additional well would be most helpful as the whole community shares this resource. We hope to provide you with additional information on these two proposed projects and how to fund them in the near future.

Here are the latest statistics on the number of children whose education IC Haiti has supported throughout this 2020–21 school year:

163 students are attending the Fr. Marc Piché elementary school in Puit Chacha.

52 students are attending the secondary school in Fond-des-Blancs through our scholarship program.

Again, thank you for your much appreciated continuing support. For the May 29–30 collection, please use the special IC Haiti envelopes and make out checks to “IC Haiti.”

IC St. Vincent de Paul

If you know someone living in Newbury/Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our **help line 978-518-0728**. We are still ready to assist.

To donate, visit our website and donate online at www.svdpnewburyport.org, drop your donation (checks payable to “**SVdP of Newburyport**.”) into the collection box at Mass, or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Breaking Bread to-go Meal

Tuesday evenings • **take out only** • 4:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Our monthly support meetings are being held online (due to coronavirus) 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the 4th Monday of the month. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Our next meeting is **May 24**. Join our free online meeting by going to <http://zoom.us>, click on “Join a Meeting,” enter Meeting ID: 952-104-4920.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs

Program information for those students entering Grades K–8 can be found on our [parish website](#). Registration forms are also available. As always, please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405) or email agiard@newburyportcatholic.org should you have any questions.

Volunteers Needed! Summer Faith Formation

We are happy to announce that we are planning to offer a week of Faith Formation (IC campus) for students in Grades 3–8 the week of August 9–13.

In order for this to take place, however, we need volunteers to serve as catechists or as classroom assistants. Please help us to make this program a reality for the children in our Collaborative. The Office of Faith Formation can be reached at 978-462-2724 x7405 or by contacting Aaron at agiard@newburyportcatholic.org.

Confirmation

Confirmation prep classes for both Grades 9 and 10 are ongoing. Information regarding the sacrament can be found on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Should you have any questions, please contact the [Faith Formation office](#).

Baptism

Please call the Collaborative Offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the celebration of the sacrament.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Dates have been set for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. **We are pleased to now be able to accept registration requests for First Eucharist.** As always, please reach out to the [Faith Formation Office](#) with any questions you might have.

First Eucharist:

IC: Monday, May 28, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 12, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 19, 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 26, 11:00 a.m.

Nativity: Saturday, June 5, 11:00 a.m.

Families whose child was prepared for First Eucharist last spring but has yet to receive the sacrament are also welcome. Please reach out to the [Faith Formation Office](#) to let us know you wish to take part.

Knights of Columbus



Fr. Michael J. McGivney, our founder, was beatified on October 31, 2020. Be a part of this new chapter and his legacy by becoming a Knight of Columbus today.

Free online memberships now through June 30, 2021. Visit kofc.org/joinus and enter code MCGIVNEY2020.

Immaculate Conception School



The warmer weather and less stringent COVID restrictions have allowed several Immaculate Conception School traditions to resume. One special 8th grade tradition is a tour of the Newburyport Police Station. May 15 is Peace Officers Memorial Day, which pays tribute to local, state, and federal law enforcement officials who died or were injured in the line of duty. Our 8th grade students attend this event in Brown Square and then go on a tour of the Newburyport Police Department.

The tour of the police department includes an explanation of how criminals are processed and detained, how the dispatch desk functions, and inspection of the extensive scuba gear and water equipment that the department uses. The garage with the fleet of bicycles for around town patrolling also houses the mini police cruiser bed that is used in the Yankee Homecoming bed races.



Pictured, students take turns sitting in the back of the police cruiser and inspect the computer systems and communication devices in the vehicle.

Immaculate Conception School and the Newburyport Police Department have always worked together to support the needs of the students. Pre-COVID, officers walked the halls of our school several times a week, talking and interacting with the students to foster familiarity and friendship. We are grateful for the partnership and for all that the Newburyport Police Department does for our community.



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Don't worry if you haven't started yet, you can jump in anytime and even listen to past episodes. Visit online at <https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/> to learn more or search for "The Bible in a Year" in Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Stitcher, Google Podcasts, or Amazon Podcasts.



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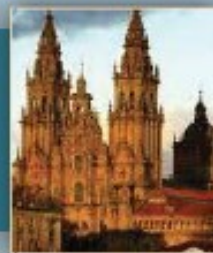


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